

HB 1780 -- Emergency 911 Service Boards

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This bill changes the laws regarding county and statewide emergency 911 service boards.

COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE 911 BOARDS

The bill requires that, beginning with the first municipal election in 2013, every local emergency telephone service 911 board that is appointed by the county commission must have seven elected members as specified in the bill. Of the members first elected, four are to serve two-year terms and three are to serve four-year terms. Thereafter, all members are to serve four-year terms.

The bill also establishes an emergency services 911 board in any county that currently does not already have a board established to oversee emergency 911 service in the county and to administer any funds received by the county from any source for the purpose of establishing, operating, and upgrading an emergency 911 service system, including the central dispatching of any type of emergency services. The board is to consist of seven members elected for four-year terms. The additional powers and duties of the board are specified in the bill.

911 SERVICE OVERSIGHT BOARD

The provisions of Sections 190.400 through 190.440 and 650.320 through 650.340, RSMo, are merged in order to establish a single entity that will oversee emergency 911 services statewide to insure consistent quality and performance. In the merged provisions, the bill:

- (1) Repeals the provisions regarding the Wireless Service Provider Enhanced 911 Advisory Board established in Section 190.410 and renames the Advisory Committee for 911 Service Oversight established in Section 650.325 as the 911 Service Oversight Board;
- (2) Reduces the size of the 911 Service Oversight Board from 16 to seven members; and
- (3) Moves the provisions regarding the 911 Training and Standards Act to Section 190.445 from Section 650.340.